

REMARKS

Interview Summary: On October 26, 2006, Examiner Avellino and the undersigned discussed claim 1 relative to the rejection under 35 USC §103(a). No agreement was reached as to the merits of the rejection or allowability of the claim. Examiner Avellino noted portions of the Stedman reference that had not been applied in previous Office Actions, and indicated that the final rejection would be withdrawn and a new Final Office Action issued in order to address these new issues. Thus, this response is understood to be responsive to the Final Office Action of July 25, 2006.


Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 13-21 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The traversals and arguments set forth in the Response dated July 17, 2006, the Amendment dated February 27, 2006, and the Amendment dated September 23, 2005, are incorporated herein by reference. Withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the remarks set forth above.

A petition for a 1-month extension of time is attached. No further extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if a further extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (USYS.020PA).

Respectfully submitted,

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